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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS' EMPOWERMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 16th January, 2024

No.1027—DHO-NHM-MISC-0007/2023/A&FE.—The State Govt. have been pleased to approve the proposal for Provision of funds for the ongoing State Plan scheme "**SPECIAL FRUIT SPECIFIC SCHEME**" scheme now renamed as "**SPECIAL HORTICULTURAL CROP SPECIFIC SCHEME**".

Introduction:-

Diverse agro-climatic conditions in Odisha favours Crop diversification as regards to horticultural crops like Coconut, Litchi, Guava, Orange, Pomegranate, Banana, Pineapple, Papaya, Betel Vine etc. as commercial crops. The State enjoys a natural climatic advantage for development of horticulture with all possibilities for growing different types of fruits, vegetables, spices, tubers and flowers. Introduction of new crops like apple, avocado, strawberry, apple ber, custard apple & passion fruit will also improve the livelihood & economic development of the farmers of the State as well as fetch better price. Besides, emphasis on plantation in cluster approach in selected districts will mobilise the farmers for adoption of the fruit crops, create better marketing & value addition scope.

Implementation of the scheme:-

The scheme has been envisaged with the following objectives:

1. The scheme will make Odisha self-sufficient in specific fruits like Guava, Banana, Papaya.
2. The scheme is location specific as per crop agro-climatic suitability and will be implemented in selected Districts of the State.

3. Through this scheme, assistance will be provided for all inputs required for holistic development of the fruit orchard. The farmers will be supported with complete input support for 1 to 3 years as the case may be. This in turn will ensure quality production, enhance the productivity & income of the farmers.

4. Introduction of new crops like apple, avocado, strawberry, passion fruit, apple ber & custard apple in cluster approach in selected districts will mobilise their adoption, create better marketing & value addition scope for the farmers.

5. Introduction of new component 'Maintenance of existing Pan Baraj units' will support the betel vine farmers of the State.

6. Preparatory works of Jackfruit mission (Infrastructure development) will aid in reducing post-harvest management losses by processing of the jack fruits.

Financial Implications:- To ensure provision of assistance to the farmers for all inputs required for holistic development of the fruit orchard, and enhance the productivity & income of the farmers through development of plantation in cluster / compact patches the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has approved a three year financial allocation amounting to Rs.150.05 crore to be utilized as financial for three years (2023-24 to 2025-26).

ORDER— Ordered that the Notification be published in the Extraordinary issue of *Odisha Gazette*.

By Order of the Governor
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Principal Secretary to Government